

TOWN OF WALLACE
MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2020
7:00 pm

The Wallace Town Council held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall.

The following Governing Body members were present:

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor
Council Member/Mayor Pro-Tem Wannetta Carlton
Council Member Frank Brinkley (via Zoom)
Council Member Jeff Carter
Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz
Council Member Jason Wells

The following members of the Governing Body were absent:
NONE

Also Present were:

Larry Bergman, Town Manager	Anna Heath, Town Attorney (via Zoom)
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Weston Padgett, Police Captain
Jimmy Crayton, Police Chief	Sharon Robison, Library Director
Brent Dean, Public Services Director (via Zoom)	Charles "Twig" Rollins, Code Compliance Specialist
Shameshia Fennell, Finance (via Zoom)	William Brooks
Rod Fritz, Planning Director	Marlane Carcopo (via Zoom)
Gage King, Airport Manager	Margaret Miles
Chris Martin, Tax Administrator (via Zoom)	Kristyn Padgett

Mayor Charley Farrior called the regular meeting to order with a quorum of the governing body members present. Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentations

Mayor Farrior administered the oath of office to Charles G. "Twig" Rollins, Jr. as Code Compliance Specialist and to Weston Pagett as Police Captain.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Farrior called for discussion of the agenda. Council Member Wannetta Carlton made a motion to adopt the agenda as proposed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Frank Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment Period

Ms. Margaret Miles of 142 Lincoln Street made a complaint about the junk yard on Teachey Road near her home. Ms. Miles said she was told that it was in compliance with the applicable zoning but that doesn't change the fact that it smells. Ms. Miles asked for more information.

Mayor Farrior asked Town Attorney Anna Heath for an update on the old Super 10/Yates building since she was participating remotely via Zoom. Attorney Heath said Jesse Yates filed an answer on September 28. Attorney Heath received a phone call from Pacific Western Bank that they released their assignment for the deed of trust and sent a copy. She added that the release was indexed incorrectly with the Register of Deeds. Now the Town has to amend the complaint adding the appropriate deed of trust lienholder by getting a leave of court because Yates filed an answer. To get a leave of court Attorney Heath has to file a motion to amend the complaint and have it calendared for the November 30th civil superior court term. A Superior Court Judge will then have to allow the Town to amend the complaint. Once the complaint is amended, it will have to be served on all parties.

Consent agenda

Minutes from the September 10, 2020 monthly meeting, and the September 24, 2020 continued meeting

Mayor Farrior called for discussion of the minutes. Town Clerk Jackie Nicholson said she found errors on page 2 where there was a digit missing in the tax report from the payment plans amount collected and a typo in the same sentence. There being no other additions or corrections Council Member Jason Wells made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Tax Report

Town Manager Larry Bergman presented (due to technology failure) the Tax Report for the period ending October 9, 2020. Manager Bergman said that year to date collections were up 7.02% and 10 year overall up 4.13%. Payment plans were in the amount of \$2,269.27 and foreclosures paid in the amount of \$9,185.70. Tax Administrator Chris Martin included in his report foreclosure information that the Council asked him to provide and the consensus of the Council is for him to proceed with sending the next 15 delinquent taxes to Zaccheus.

Tax Releases

The following were presented to the Council for release:

Acct. #	Name	Reason	Amount
762	Dorothy Honeycutt	Dilapidated building, roof caving in	\$290.72

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve the releases which was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Budget Amendments

NONE

Old Business

Award Bid for Well Drilling

Manager Bergman stated that bids were opened on September 2, 2020 with only one (1) bid being received. He added that since the bid was readvertised it may be accepted. The matter before the Council is to adopt a Resolution of Tentative Award to A.C. Schultes for NCDEQ (North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality) to review and accept.

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to award the bid to A.C. Schultes of Carolina, Inc. in the amount of \$463,101 and adopt a Resolution of Tentative Award. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jeff Carter and approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution Accepting Funding from NCDEQ for Well Construction Projects

Manager Bergman said since the bid was awarded and the the LGC (Local Government Commission) has approved the funding from NCDEQ the Town can accept the funding and the accompanying Capital Project Ordinance.

Council Member Rivas-Diaz made a motion to adopt a Resolution By Governing Body Of Applicant to accept \$966,000 from NCDEQ for the construction of two (2) water wells that was seconded by Council Member Wannetta Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Wells made a motion to adopt the proposed Capital Project Ordinance for the construction of two (2) water wells to be financed by state loan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Financial Reports

Finance Director Shameshia Fennell presented the monthly financial reports and said that the past due utility account balances were being watched closely. Ms. Fennell added that cuts-off for non-payment and late fees have started again.

Hurricane Reports

Ms. Fennell presented the reports and said the appeal for Hurricane Florence debris removal has been denied. The Council recommended contacting Representative Rouzer's office for advice.

Council Reports

Council Member Carlton thanked Police Chief Jimmy Crayton for the Breaking Down Barriers Training provided to the Police Department and some citizens and welcomed Code Compliance Specialist Twig Rollins.

Council Member Carter asked when the road in front of his house is going to be fixed. Public Services Director Brent Dean said it would be soon.

Council Member Carter said Tons of Trash missed picking up on Teachey Road and missed yard debris. Public Services Director Dean said he was working with the contractor to solve these problems.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Farrior praised the repair on Railroad St. and said "great job". He asked that the empty spots on Main St. have more crepe myrtles planted. Regarding the 830 project the Mayor said that Duplin Land Development has reviewed and agreed to sign the Indemnification Agreement the Council discussed at the September 10 meeting. The Attorney and Manager will draft a letter to the affected property owners to explain it. Mayor Farrior said he had spoken with Felix Herring again about his building on Main St. and recommended Mr. Herring be asked to submit a request to the Council with the amount he would like for repairs to that building, before the November monthly meeting. Mayor Farrior said since all property owners in the historic district had been notified about the Building Protection Plan that attention should be given to buildings in imminent danger. He asked about the status of the food truck and special event ordinances. Manager Bergman responded they should be ready at the next meeting. At this time the Council agreed to another meeting on October 29 at 6 pm.

Department Head Reports

Council Member Wells said a group had gone to Appleton, WI where the new fire trucks are being built. He added that the process can be viewed online. The department started hose testing and Fire Safety Week is next week.

Planning Director Rod Fritz reported that he is working with Friends of the Park on plans for a Kids TRACK Trail with distances of one-half, one mile and 5K. The TRACK Trails is part of a national network.

Code Compliance Specialist Twig Rollins said he has been busy having made numerous contacts. He also spoke of purchasing a drone and getting the required training.

Police Chief Jimmy Crayton reported that two (2) police officers have been hired, one that started yesterday and one starting next week.

Library Director Sharon Robison invited everyone to come and see the new carpet. Ms. Robison reported that the new hours were working well and she and Jennifer will be recertifying on-line as Passport Acceptance Agents.

Airport Manager Gage King reported that the AWOS (Automated Weather Observing System) land clearing project has started, the engineer is preparing a Work Authorization for site preparation and running utilities. Mr. King said the DOA (Division of Aviation) has completed a Risk Audit based on grant management, Town and Airport department staffing and other factors; the Town receive a "nominal" rating indicating low risk.

Public Services Director Brent Dean reported the drainage problem on E. Southerland and N. Graham will be addressed by NCDOT. The first round of paving has begun with utility cuts and paving Orange St.

Town Manager's Report

Manager Bergman referenced his written report and about the Valley Protein project, providing as list of conditions for them. He has a sample contract they have with the City of Gastonia which may be helpful. Manager Bergman mentioned the project conforming to any applicable CWMTF (Clean Water Management Trust Fund) covenants regarding the Boney Mill Pond. He reported on participated in a conference call with Cardinal Foods in Burgaw about pre-treatment for processing sweet potatoes.

With there being no other business to discuss at this time, Council Member Wells made a motion to continue the meeting on October 29, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk